

DEDICATION

This year the annual report honors the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to improve the appearance of the Village and the Bay. Because of their efforts to achieve their respective missions, the Town has benefited immeasurably.

The Beach Committee has been effective in making the East Side Beach at the Bay a most attractive area, and through fundraising efforts, donations and gifts have improved the beach and linked it to the Harmony Park Picnic Pavilion. They constructed a gazebo, purchased benches and added buffers and landscaping features for the enjoyment of those who utilize the facilities. The new perched beach offers a much safer area for everyone. This past year the volunteers organized a public celebration to celebrate the opening of the newly restored beach and park.

The Downtown Revitalization Committee, with a start-up donation of tax dollars, has made changes to the land adjacent to the Town Hall and Police Station, known as the Alton B & M R.R. Park, forever changing the landscape for the betterment of the Town. Following clean-up operations, open house activities, fundraising, gifts, grants and donations, the park features a caboose, children's play area, wetlands boardwalk, liberty elm trees, a Veterans Memorial complete with a flagpole and veterans memorial plaques. Soon to be moved into the Park will be Alton's *Loon Cove Station*, one of the original Lake Shore Railroad buildings, donated by the owner.

In conjunction with restorations made to a town owned freight shed by the Downtown Revitalization Committee, the Alton Historical Society also recently refurbished a large building located within the park. This is known as J. Jones and Sons, a former grain storage building,¹ further enhancing the area for the public. Railroad markers, gate crossings and lights complete the transformation at the park, all for the enjoyment of the Townspeople.

We appreciate wholeheartedly the work of all these volunteers, past and present who are all dedicated to "the common good" and also to those citizens and others who have contributed their time and expertise to these endeavors.

We thank you.

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1. *MAIN STREET*, J. Fry, Feb. 2005-Volume XX1 Number 2